Stay orders obtained by M/s. I.T.C. Limited on Excise Duty Cases

*238. SHRI RAM BHAGAT PASWAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the excise cases for which M/s. I.T.C. Limited have obtained stay orders; and

(b) what steps Government have taken for the vacation of these stay orders?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S. M. KRISHNA): (a) The details of the excise cases for which M/s. I.T.C. Limited have obtained stay orders is indicated in the enclosed statement.

(b) Steps taken for the vacation of stays include instructions to Collectors to move the various courts for early vacation of stays, engaging of eminent lawyers to defend the Government interest in important cases, etc.

Statement

Collectorate	High Court/ Supreme Court/CEGAT	W.P. No./ S L.P. No.	Issue involved	Approximate amount involved where quantifiable
				Rs.
Bombay	1. Supreme Court.	SLP No. 18/77	Central Excise Duty on post manufacturing expenses.	81.07 lakhs
	2. Supreme Court.	WP No. 8/78	Do.	6.36 crores
	3. Bombay High Court.	WP No. 1410/82	Central Excise duty on post manufacturing expenses and corrugated fibre container packing value.	3.48 crores
	4. Delhi High Court	GWP No. 2925/82	Duty not paid on printed cartons falling under T.I.17 (3).	32 64 lakhs
	5. Bombay High Court.	WP. No. 1623/83	Classification of cut tobacco as smoking mixture.	Not quantified
Patna	1. Calcutta High Court.	..	Dutiability of Shells and slides.	1.31 crores
	2. Delhi High Court.	..	Deduction of duty of tariff rate while paying duty at effective rate.	11.11 crores
	3. Patna High Court.	..	Dutiability of smoking mixture.	67.46 crores
	4. Customs, Excise & Gold (Control) Tribunal.	..	Seizure of cigarettes worth Rs. 6.5 lakhs.	31.40 crores

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				Rs.
Meerut	1. Central Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal.	..	146 SFGs of cigarettes seized on 5-3-81	2.32 lakhs
	2. Do.	..	31 GFGs of cigarettes seized on 7-9-82.	0.35 lakhs
	3. Do.	..	57 GFGs of cigarettes seized on 8-9-82.	0.54 lakhs
Madras	1. Delhi High Court.	GWP 2925/82	Classification of hulls and slides of cigarette packets.	Both cases put together about 73.26 lakhs
	2. Madras High Court.	WP 8437/83	Relating to exemption under Central Excise) Notification 104/82 dated and 234/82 dated 1-11-82 to hulls shells of cigarette packets.	
Calcutta	1. Calcutta High Court	8670(W)/1978	Suspected under valuation of cigarettes	..
	2. Calcutta High Court	GR No 10359 (W)/1982	Dutiability of smoking mixture captively consumed for manufacture of cigarette.	..
	3. Calcutta High Court.	FMAT No. 3304/ 79 out of 20521 (W) 1975.	Relates to PME issue under new Section 4 of the Central Excise & Salt Act, 1944.	..
Bangalore	1. Karnataka High Court.	WP. No. 3038/ 79	Duty on PME.	..
	2. Delhi High Court.	GWP No. 2925/ 82	Classification of paper and paper Board.	..
	3. Karnataka High Court.	W.P. No. 12980 83	Classification of cut tobacco	..

Purchase of Dornier aircraft for Vayudoot Service

*239. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to purchase Dornier aircraft for the Vayudoot Service;

(b) if so, what are the sectors on which these aircraft will be operated;

(c) whether there is a persistent demand for the introduction of Bombay—Varanasi—Bombay air service; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken thereon?